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THIRD ANNUAL EASTER WEEK PROGRAM - April 21, 1962

(Drum and flute in background - Let Erin Remember)

Easter, 1962 . . . San Francisco, California . . .

Remember Pearse - Remember Connelly - Remember Ireland's martyrs -

To the men and women who fought and died to see Ireland free from
the center to the sea this program is dedicated.

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(BAND - Let Erin Remember)


Good evening, Ladies and gentlemen - The central council
of Irish Republican Clubs and affiliate members - Sein Fein Club
and the Pearse and Connelly Fife and Drum Band welcome you to our
third annual broadcast in memory of our martyred dead. Your
announcer, Ed Mc Govern.

The struggle for Irish independence did not begin with
Easter Week of 1916. We can look to the year 1172 when Ireland
was first invaded. Since that time, we have had men like Wolfe
Tone, John Mitchell, Robert Emmett, Thomas Russell, the Young Ir-
landers, the Feinans, to rekindle the torch of freedom. The people
of 1916 took up that torch and, believing that Ireland would never
stand amongst the nations of the world unless she were free, fought
the invader. There were old and young in 1916 who fought and died-
there were lads like Kevin Barry. Here is Miss Jo Ann HARNET

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\$ KATHLEEN CLARK

KEVIN BARRY



IN SPIRIT

ladies and gentlemen, let us go back ~~46~~ years to the scenes and the place. On O'Connell Street, on the steps of the General Post Office in Dublin, Ireland, a young man named Patrick Pearse, then in the prime of life, read to the people of Ireland the proclamation of the provincial government of the Irish Republic. And as we pause for a moment to reflect the time and place, we should remember that the ~~medium of~~ radio and television did not exist then as we know it today; but still, that voice echoed across the channel to our gallant allies in Europe, it spread on the waves across the great Atlantic to our exiled children in America, to Canada and far-off Australia; while at home in Ireland, the words of the proclamation rebounded across the plains and hills to the fighting men of the east and south of Ireland and to the gallant men of the West and the hard pressed men of the North. And there in the North, was another young man in his teens who was inspired by the echo of the proclamation, and recited it many times to comrades in his native County Down, That same boy, who is today an old man, is with us tonight, prepared to recite the words that Pearse ~~said~~ and his comrades proclaimed in 1916.

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(Mrs. Ed Mc Govern - Recitation of the Proclamation)

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The Irish rising of 1916 was brought about by the inspiration of the centuries old desire of the people for freedom from foreign rule, and the men who lead it were fully prepared for the sacrifice which eventually was their fate.

The men who signed the declaration of Irish Independence stood by that declaration and sealed it with their blood.

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MAUREEN KELLY
THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD

It is my pleasure now to
present a guest speaker, the
past president and one of the co-
founders of the Irish Literary and
Historical Society of San Francisco.
Mr. Henning, who has just returned
from a visit to Ireland, will
speak of the men of Easter Week.

MINGTBA Boy

LEO BORN

The men who signed the ~~declaration~~ proclamation came from diverse backgrounds. There was Thomas J. Clark, the oldest of the executive, who was the link between the Fenian movement and the Volunteers of 1916. He spent sixteen years of torture in English prisons, but emerged from captivity still ready to fight and die for Irish freedom. He was executed by the British on May 3, 1916. Another signatory was Sean Mc Dermott who, though suffering from a physical disability, was one of the chief organizers in the building up of the Irish Volunteers. He was executed on May 12, 1916.

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PAT GIBNEY BOLD FENIAN MURPHY
KLEEBERGER CLARK

Patrick H. Pearse, the most widely known of the leaders of the Irish Revolutionary Movement, a poet and scholar of great ability, was another signatory of the Proclamation. He was chosen Provisional President and Commander-in-Chief of the army of the Irish Republic in 1916. He was executed on May 3 1916.

James Connolly the world renowned leader of the Irish labor movement as well as of the Irish Citizen Army, which he commanded during the battle of Easter Week, was another signatory. Although wounded in the fighting, he was executed on May 12th, 1916 having been strapped in a sitting position in a chair to make a target for the British firing squad.

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P & C BAND
UNDER DIRECTION JACK MURPHY

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Another signer of the Proclamation was Thomas McDonough, a man of great intellectual gifts, a poet, a teacher and a soldier. He was executed on May 3, 1916.

Eamon Ceannt, active in the Gaelic League, interested in traditional Irish music, who played the Irish pipes and who proved his worth in the battle of Easter Week, was another signatory. He was executed on May 8, 1916.

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BROOKS IRISH PIPE

The seventh/^{signer} to the Proclamation of Irish Independence was Joseph Mary Plunkett, ~~poet, patriot, and soldier~~ - who wrote the proudest poem of Irish defiance on that memorable week of 1916. He was executed by the British firing squad on May 4, 1916. He is world renowned for a poem that has been called one of the most beautiful in the English language.

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MRS. GRIFFIN

HERE IS MRS ANN GRIFFIN TO PAY HIM
TRIBUTE

~~BEFORE WE CONTINUE~~

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There may have been erroneous conclusions drawn from certain press reports last February regarding the campaign of Resistance against the British Army of Occupation in Ireland. People were inclined to believe that a temporary cessation in the campaign that has been in operation for the past five years meant the end of resistance to British rule in Ireland. This latest campaign was one of the many phases of the eight century old struggle of the Irish people against British invasion, and as on previous occasions, a temporary cessation of military activity is deemed necessary now, in order to take stock of the present situation and to prepare for a more strengthened resistance against an ever increasing enemy force. In fact, resistance still goes on - ^{SIXTY} ~~Eighty~~ young men are still undergoing various terms of imprisonment in Crumlin Road Prison in Belfast and ~~Mountjoy prison in Dublin~~, while the mother of a young family is serving a two year sentence in an English prison for her part in helping the cause of her country. Two young men are serving a life sentence also in an English prison.

This is resistance to British rule in Ireland. This is the message of Easter Week 1916 which will endure for ever. Men and women will bear it in their minds and in their hearts and carry it out unselfishly and unfearingly until the last victorious onrush which will enthrone the living Republic of Ireland.

THIS IS WHAT SOUTHERN IRELAND BELIEVED IN 5 YEARS AGO

WHEN THEY GAVE IT UP

LIVE MRS HARTNET

TREES OF BALLISLEEDE CROSS IN KERRY

MISS HARTNET



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① BALLYSEEDY CROSSROADS IN CO KERRY AUG
12-1922 EIGHT MEN GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR THE COUSE OF IRISH FREEDOM
TRAVELERS VISITING IRELAND TODAY MAY
SEE THE MONUMENT ERECTED IN THEIR
MEMORY AND TO SING THE BALLAD OF
BALLYSEEDY CROSS HERE IS PETE CONNOLLY
NUMBER.

MASS

PAT GIBNEY SINGS PATRICKS ARSFIELD

STAY TUNED THIS EVENING
AFTER THE IRISH HOUR
FOR AN SPECIAL PROGRAM
DEDICATED TO IRELAND'S MARTIN
AT 9:30



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THE CLIMAX OF THE EASTER ACTIVITIES
WILL BE THE ANNUAL EASTER BALL BY THE
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF IRISH REPUBLICAN CLUBS TOMORROW NIGHT
AT THE K.R.I. HALL 1133 MISSION, WITH MUSIC BY THE SHAMROCK BAND. THERE WILL BE A SHORT LITERARY PROGRAM
WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE RESOLUTIONS THAT WILL BE VOTED
ON. HERE IS MRS ANNA GRIFFIN TO TELL US THOSE RESOLUTIONS.
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THANK YOU MRS. GRIFFIN. THERE IS NO QUESTION ^{IT ABOUT}
THE SITUATION IN IRELAND IS DEPLORABLE. A COUNTRY
THAT WOULD BE LOST WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
STATE OF ALASKA, TO BE GOVERNED BY TWO PUPPET
GOVERNMENTS, I'M SURE THE PEOPLE OF THIS
BAY AREA WILL TURN OUT IN FULL FORCE
TO MORROW NIGHT ^{TO HONOR THE MEN OF EASTER WEEK} TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS

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AND TO TEST THE VALUE OF THIS BROADCAST A MEMBER
OF THE BAND WILL GIVE ANYONE WHO MENTION THIS PROGRAM
A TICKET ON A DOOR PRIZE

Now LADIES & GENTLEMEN

BE BRING US UP TO THE PRESENT,
IN A RECENT EDITION OF THE
MONTHLY PUBLICATION
UNITED IRISHMAN THERE APPEARED
A LIST OF OVER 300 NAMES.

IRISHMEN & BOYS ^{MANY OF THEM} HELD IN PRISON WITHOUT CHARGE
OR TRIAL - BECAUSE THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF
LOVING THEIR COUNTRY

OUR NEXT NUMBER IS IN HONOR OF
TWO COMRADES OF THESE PRISONERS TWO YOUNG
MEN WHO 3 YEARS AGO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR
IRISH FREEDOM.

MISS. JO ANN HARNET

SOUTHÉ O'HANLIN

THIS IS ED MCGOVERN AND IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE
TO NARRATE THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM. MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO THANK OUR SPONSORS

MR DAVE McCARTY & THE SEAN FEAR ORGANIZATION AND ARE LAST
REMINDER OF THE 9 AM MASS TOMORROW AT APOLO SHIP OF THE SEE CHURCH
THANKS TO THE MAN FROM TRYONE - FOR A FRIENDLY CHAT & A GOOD
HIGBALL VISIT JOHN MOSS AT THE ROLLING STONE BETWEEN 19TH & 20TH
ON VALLEYVIEW

THANKS TO JACK LOWE OF THE B & J CONSTRUCTION CO A GOOD
IRISHMAN. CALL B & J AT 630 CASTRO ST FOR ANY HOME OR COMMERCIAL
RENOVATION

McGOVERN'S HILLTOP LIQUORS A FINE LINE OF BOURBON & SCOTCH & IRISH WHISKY
LOCAL BEERS & GUINNESS STOUT ED & LILL MCGOVERN ARE LOCATED AT
3690 MISSION CORNER OF HIGHLAND OPEN EVERYDAY 10-10,
AND REMEMBER FOLKS TOMORROW NIGHT THE EASTER DALL GIVE IT A
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